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Local Students Get Reader's Digest Award.

Joy Wray Frazier, Valedictorian of the Whitesburg High School and Gracy Delois Hall of the Fleming High School have been given an honorary subscription to the Readers Digest for one year and an engraved certificate from the Editors, "in recognition of past accomplishments and in anticipation of unusual achievements to come."

Since 1937 The Reader's Digest Association has presented these awards yearly in Senior high schools throughout the United States and Canada to the highest honor student of the graduating class. The awards are part of the educational program sponsored by the Association and were a logical outgrowth of the wide use of the Reader's Digest in school work. With the collaboration of leading educators, a special edition of the magazine, containing reading improvement guides and study helps, is made available to schools and colleges as a supplementary text-book in English and social science courses.

It is hoped that these awards will stimulate scholarship, citizenship and continued contact with good reading after graduation.

Joy Wray Frazier is planning to enter Berea College and Gracy Delois Hall is enrolled in the workshop in Whitesburg, Ky.

—Martha Jane Potter, Supt. Letcher County Schools.

Republican Convention in Chicago

This week's news was highlighted by the Republican National Convention in Chicago. On Wednesday evening Gov. Earl Warren delivered the keynote address. He accused the New Deal of "short circuiting" the Constitution, of threatening the free press and free speech.

He stated that the Constitution would be the "shining star" of the Republican party, that his party would put an end to government domination, racketeering and bureaucratic rule.

Lt. Charles W. Caudill, son of Mr. and Mrs. Larry Caudill of Louisville, and grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Willie J. Caudill of this place, has been awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross to his already acquired Purple Heart, Air Medal, and two Oak Leaf Clusters. Lt. Caudill who is a bombardier on a B-24 with the 15th Air Force stationed in Italy has taken part in the shuttle bombing between Italy and Russia, according to latest reports from him. He has been overseas three months and has completed three-fourths of his flying missions.

Friends here have received word from Pfc. Manfred Costello of Whick, Breathitt Co., and former employee of Carbon Glow and Jeanne Francis mines, that he had received a wound in the left leg in the invasion of France and was back in England in the hospital. Pfc. Costello has been overseas two years in the infantry, and taken part in the invasions of Africa, Sicily, and Italy, besides the European invasion. His brother, Pvt. George Costello, was killed in Italy in the month of May.

Entire French Village Guerrilla Detachment

In one French village alone, 520 of the 538 inhabitants are guerrillas, fighting against the Germans. Leonard Mosley, London war correspondent, who accompanied Allied forces to Normandy, tells the story.

"Two nights after our arrival, a young girl cycled into one of our battalion posts with a man riding on the back of her tandem. He was one of our stray troops whom she had rescued, fed, and then smuggled through the German lines.

"I come from a village," she told us, "which returns this soldier to you and asks for orders."

"What orders?" asked the Colonel. "Orders for our guerrillas," answered the girl. "We organized ourselves into a guerrilla army 18 months ago. Naturally, we haven't been able to do anything very spectacular, but we have hindered the Germans in some small way. Now that you are here, we want to do bigger things. Give us arms and explosives, Monsieur, and I swear to you that we will do everything you ask."

"How many of these guerrillas are there?" asked the Colonel.

"We are 520," replied the girl.

"And how many people are there in your village?" asked the Colonel.

"It has 538 people, Monsieur."

"The Colonel grinned. 'And 520 are guerrillas, eh? What about the other 18?'"

"The girl did not smile. 'We do not take them, Monsieur, she told him, 'unless they are over 10 or under 70.'"

(By cable from Algiers, Delayed).

Mrs. James Back Is Called by Death

Mrs. Martha Griffith Back, aged 41 years of Blackey, Ky., passed from time June 24, 1944 at her home after an illness of several months. Mr. and Mrs. Back have lived in Blackey for several years. Mrs. Back was a fine, Christian woman, and will be sadly missed in her home. Funeral services were held at the residence on Sunday, June 25 at 2:30 P. M. Burial in the family cemetery on Line Fork, by Craft Funeral Home.

4th Celebration At Fleming

The Big 4th Celebration at Fleming gets underway Monday, July 3rd at the Athletic Field. The J. J. Page Shows will open at that time, with a galaxy of shows, and a number of thrilling rides, novelty lane and among the feature thrillers in the ride division, will be the whirlwind, that new thrill ride, the Ferris Wheels, Merry-Go-Round, Chairplane, Loop-o-Plane, Ride-o and Kiddie Rides, among the shows housed under large tented theatres, is the Minstrel Show with a large cast, featuring those rib-tickling Minstrel first parts, and those side-splitting afterpieces, also funny comedians, blues singers, song and dance artists. Hollywood Revue, Hawaiian Show, Athletic Stadium, Big Snake, Show Illustration Show, Circus Side Show, and other shows. Novelty Lane—Band Concerts. Free Show 'n everything.

Noel Taylor Is Called

Noel Taylor aged 20 years of Bottom Fork, Ky., passed from time in the Fleming Hospital on Friday, June 23rd, following a cerebral hemorrhage. Over two years ago he was married to Jewel Stines, daughter of Jesse Stines, Whitaker, Ky., and is survived by his wife and one small daughter, his parents and several brothers and sisters. Noel was a good husband, father and son. He had many friends and was liked by all who knew him. His sudden passing was a sad shock to his wife, relatives and friends. Funeral services were held at the Regular Baptist Church, Millstone, Ky. on Sunday, June 25th, at 2:00 P. M. Burial in the Family Cemetery, Millstone, Ky., by Craft Funeral Home in charge of funeral arrangements.

The New District Legion Commander

Last week's issue of The Mountain Eagle carried an article stating that Mr. Arthur Dixon of Douglas Day Post No. 152, had been elected as District Commander of The American Legion, for the 10th District of Kentucky. This was an unsolicited but well deserved recognition by the Legionaires of this district. It is not only a deserving honor conferred upon Mr. Dixon, of the Douglas Day Post, but is an honor to all posts of Letcher County and the entire membership of The American Legion of this district. As present Commander of this post I am sure that Mr. Dixon will endeavor to carry out the work that has been instituted and carried on by past district commanders as Peyton Hobson and H. L. (Toad) Owens. He has many commendable objectives in view which if carried out will be of inestimable benefit to the veterans, of not only the first but the second World War. It is his hope and desire that during his incumbency the membership of all the posts will be increased. He has pledged himself to the service of the veterans, and expects the cooperation of all veterans in obtaining his objectives.

Since Letcher County has been honored with this appointment, it is our District Commander's desire that all posts as well as all legionaires strive to increase our membership and work to the end that all who are not now legionaires may become associated with some post. We realize that our Commander cannot do this alone but must have the hearty cooperation of all members of the American Legion.

Due to the fact that veterans of World War II will be returning in great numbers and the further fact that the Legion must institute some program for assisting those who return, the work imposed upon our District Commander will be unusual and in order to carry out his program he must of necessity have the unstinted cooperation of all. This does not necessarily mean the members of The American Legion but should include the entire citizenship of this district and especially the fathers and mothers who now have sons or daughters in the armed forces, who are now making a gallant fight for the many principles in which we believe.

This post urges all soldiers eligible to immediately affiliate themselves with some post of The American Legion, and

KEEP OLD GLORY FLYING!



Celebrate the FOURTH by Buying WAR BONDS. At This Time Our Boys Are Fighting for the Liberation of the World—Let's do our Part on the Home Front—BUY BONDS TODAY!

Fifth War Loan—Letcher County

Tabulated report on sales during Fifth War Loan Drive in Letcher County from June 1 to June 24th inclusive was processed through Cleveland Reserve Banks shows:

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| E BONDS: | |
| Quota | \$345,000 |
| Sales | 125,400 |
| \$220,000 | |
| Other Individual Bonds: | |
| Quota | 15,000 |
| Sales | 20,000 |
| \$5,000 oversubscribed | |
| All Other Securities: | |
| Quota | 120,000 |
| Sales | 115,712 |
| \$ 4,288 | |

Sales since 24th will put "All Other Securities" over quota.

With \$220,000 worth of E Bonds to be sold during the balance of the drive means that those who have not yet bought their Bonds should do so promptly as it may be that we will have to enlist volunteer workers and make house to house canvass to make our quota—and make our quota we must, because we can not afford to fail our fighting men. Now when they are fighting and dying daily, we on the home front must get into the INVASION WITH OUR DOLLARS.

Sales are picking up and the week of June 26th to July 1st should be our largest SALES WEEK. Let's stop talking about buying and BUY. Let's stop morely telling our Fighting Men we are behind them. LET'S SHOW THEM.

—HARRY B. CRANE, Chairman—War Finance Committee, Letcher Co.

by so doing not only help themselves but their comrades in arms. Any honorably discharged soldier, sailor or marine of World War II may join by applying to his nearest post—join now!

DOUGLAS DAY POST 102
J. S. HOLBROOK,
Commander.

Letcher Circuit Court Convenes

Letcher Circuit Court will convene next Monday, July 3rd with Judge R. Monroe Fields on the bench. The Grand Jury will probably be

For Induction July 6th

The following registrants have been ordered to report for induction July 6, 1944. They will leave Whitesburg, Ky. at 9:00 A. M., C.W.T., July 6, 1944:

- Willis Branham, Cromona
- Dave Williams, Jr., Farraday
- Chester Hubbard, Eolia
- Ewell Baker, Jenkins
- Howard Eugene Anderson, Jenkins
- Lee Craft Bates, Payne Gap
- Kermit McIntosh, Neon
- Burford Sexton, Farraday
- Orville Leedy, Burdine
- James Arthur Griffith, McRoberts
- Edd Coolidge Hogg, Mayking, Ky.
- James Ray Tolliver, Millstone
- Elbert Richardson, Neon
- Ishmael Craft, Mayking
- Homer Mason, Millstone
- James Zidaroff, Jr., McRoberts
- James Emberson Kelley, Jenkins
- Verne Edward Polly, Mayking
- Homer Kuhl, Fleming
- Earl James Gibson, Neon
- Robert Keith King, Jenkins
- Billy Hunt, Burdine
- Vernon Niece, Polly

Dewey and Bricker Nominated on First Ballot

On Wednesday Gov. Thos. E. Dewey of New York and Gov. Bricker of Ohio were nominated to head the Republican ticket for President and Vice-President. Dewey flew from Albany to Chicago on Wednesday and delivered his acceptance speech to a huge and enthusiastic audience.

On Tuesday Mrs. Claire Booth Luce and former president Herbert Hoover gave what was acclaimed "high-light" speeches of the year.

Mr. Ed Hoback is reported on the sick list this week and is confined to his home on Cowan St.

instructed and a few other first of the court day things taken care of, then probably adjourn until Wednesday after the 4th.

Only a few cases of interest are expected in this term of court.

Wounded in France

Paratrooper, First Lieutenant Warner A. Broughman, Letcher County has been wounded "somewhere" in France. Mrs. Essie Broughman of Sergeant, Ky., has been advised by his wife, Mrs. Warner Broughman of Detroit, Mich. "Guess we are a sentimental bunch of guys", Warner said not many days ago as he stood on his crutches in a transit Army Hospital, recovering right along.

Warner Broughman, reared in the Thornton-Sergeant sections of the county will be remembered by many Whitesburg folks as well as by his many friends in the home areas above town. He was a graduate of the Whitesburg High School several years ago.

Broughman has made a good record in the service, having received a number of promotions as well as citations for his daring bravery.

In Detroit he has a pretty wife and babe awaiting his return.

Warner was married there before he decided to go and do his "bit" for universal and lasting peace.

Rev. Gilbert M. Proffitt, a graduate of the Whitesburg High School and now a student at the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, has accepted a call to the pastorate of the Union Baptist Church, near Defoe.

Margaret E. Gibson

Last Thursday night after the hot summer sun had slipped down behind the Western hills, and a scorched earth was given a breathing spell from the intense heat of a long day, the spirit of Margaret Elizabeth Gibson slipped away from a tired and worn-out body and passed into the portals of the Pearly White City to ever be with the Lord. She was the daughter of Uncle Miles and Polly Holbrook Webb and was born August 22nd, 1854 and lacked only two months being 90 years of age. She was directly related to the first settlers of this county, her great grand father being James Webb the first to settle in this county of that name.

In February, 1879 she was married to Uncle George Gibson who preceded her in death by about 10 years and to them were born 9 children, three having passed on, Ida at the age of 3 months, Katherine at the age of five years and Amanda in the middle age of life, leaving six children who still survive her as follows:

- Mary Caudill and Jennine Routley of Whitesburg,
- Dan of Baltimore, Md.,
- Add of Dayton, Ohio;
- Laura George of Sinton, Texas;

Dr. Harrison now with the armed forces in Naples, Italy.

And, these with 22 grand children, 10 great grand children, one brother Big Nelt Webb of Mayking, and one sister, Lettie Chisenhaul of Wise County, Va., and numberless friends and relatives who mourn her going.

Aunt "Liz" as she was usually called was one of our old time mothers, and like her forebearers lived a moral Christian life, her great Grandfather James Webb being the Clerk of the Oven Fork Church of Regular Baptists at its organization in 1820, her (Continued on Page Four)

Pledges America's Rescue From New Deal

Chicago, June 27—Rep Joseph W. Martin of Massachusetts took up the gavel as permanent chairman of the Republican National Convention today with a declaration that his party would "save constitutional government at home" and build an enduring peace.

Martin, minority leader in the House, told the delegates the "day of rockoning" was at hand for the New Deal because people are "tired of bungling and fumbling, waste and extravagance, arrogance and bureaucratic dictatorship" Even some Democrats have rebelled he said.

John L. Lewis Has Contender

Herrin, Ill., June 26.—John L. Lewis, International President of the United Mine Workers of America, today has a contender for his office.

Ray Edmundson, who resigned as president of U.M.W.A.'s district 12 and has been active in a union autonomy movement, yesterday declared at a miners' meeting his intention of seeking election to Lewis' job.

In Alexandria, Va., Lewis declined comment on the announcement.

Edmundson, who has been working as a miner at Springfield, Ill., since his May 15 resignation as district president, said in a statement:

"Freedom of assemblage, freedom of speech, freedom of worship, and freedom from fear cannot and must not be suppressed by the International President of the U.M.W.A. as arrogantly declared in his circular letter to the membership of our union of recent date. "I am fully cognizant of the responsibilities attached to this announcement, along which are autonomy and self-government in the postwar period, and organic unity of 12,000,000 organized workers in the United States of America."

CAPT. CHAS. H. BACK CALLS AT EAGLE OFFICE

Capt. Charles H. Back was a pleasant caller at The Eagle office this week. Captain Back is now stationed in Walla Walla, Washington, but has really had some thrilling experiences through this war, having had to bail out of his plane on one occasion and landed on an uninhabited Island in the Aleutians. He says that one feels pretty funny coming out in the parachute until she opens up then you feel fine as she floats down. "But, says Capt. Back, "when you land on an isolated spot of earth where no human resides, you feel like maybe this is it." He stated that a PT had picked up all of his crew in less than two hours after they were forced to jump.

Capt. Back says his plane had the pleasure of sinking a Jap Cargo Vessel, and probably damaging others. Major Klair Back, his brother, is expected to join the family here a few days shortly. He also has a brother, 1st Lt. Verdel Back, who will be unable to get here. He is visiting with his mother, Mrs. Ella Back, Miss Hazel Childers, his sisters, Mrs. W. G. Holbrook and Mrs. John Adkins. His youngest sister, Evelyn is working in Lexington and it is not known at this time whether she will get home or not while the boys are here.